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BYSIEWICZ DRAWS PRECINCTS TO HAVE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS AUDITED

10% OF ALL VOTING PRECINCTS WILL HAVE BALLOTS HAND COUNTED AND
MATCHED AGAINST MACHINE TOTALS TO ENSURE INTEGRITY OF VOTING

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined voting rights advocates from across Connecticut at a news conference at the State Capitol on Monday November 15th to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited following the November 2nd general election. In addition, Secretary Bysiewicz mandated that results from the Governor's race and two other races, selected at random, be audited pursuant to Connecticut state statutes. As required by Connecticut General Statute 9-320f, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process, ten percent of the polling precincts used in the election are subject to an audit. All told, 734 polling precincts were used on November 2nd meaning that 74 precincts will have their election results audited. In addition to the mandated post-election audit, officials in Bridgeport will also be reviewing results from precincts in that city where polling hours were extended on Election Day November 2, 2010.

"We had one of the closest election results for Governor in Connecticut history on Tuesday November 2nd," said Secretary Bysiewicz. "Therefore, I have ordered that all polling precincts chosen for the post-election audit examine machine counts for the governor's race from Election Day, as well as two other offices selected at random. As voters came to the polls in droves they must have continued confidence that their votes were recorded accurately and that's why the independent audits are so vital."

The audits can begin no sooner than November 17, 2010 and must be completed by November 22, 2010.

“Auditing election results isn’t just a good idea, it’s absolutely essential in order to guarantee the integrity of our elections,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “Record numbers of Connecticut residents cast ballots on November 2nd, and we don’t just take the machines’ word for it. So we will have every ballot cast in a full 10% of all our precincts hand counted and matched against the machine totals. Connecticut has the toughest elections audit law in the country and I am confident at the end of this year’s audit the numbers will match.”

In total, audits will be conducted in seventy-four precincts. The races to be audited statewide will be the Governor’s race, as mandated by the Secretary of the State’s office, as well as the Attorney General’s race and races for the Connecticut State Senate, which were chosen at random in the audit drawing today.

The law requires a hand audit 10% of all polling places in all elections and primaries. (Polling precincts which are already part of a recount are exempt from audits by statute). The provisions in the law, developed in close cooperation with the computer science department at the University of Connecticut, give Connecticut one of the strictest audit statutes in the country. Connecticut is the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of election results.

Connecticut General Statute 9-320f states that local Registrars of Voters, “... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation.” The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State’s Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

“The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.”

List of polling precincts to be audited:

Town	Polling Place
Bethel	Frank A Berry School District 5
New Britain	Generale Ameglio Society District 7
Waterbury	St. Peter & Paul School Gym 16 District 74
Granby	Granby Memorial High School District 1
Plainville	Wheeler School District 4
Killingly	South Killingly Fire Station District 3
Montville	Town Hall Gym District 6

Hartford	Burns School District 9
Stratford	Second Hill Lane 120 District 100
Danbury	Danbury High School Gym Ward 1 District 1
Southbury	Sacred Heart Church District 2
New Haven	Firehouse Woodward Ward 17 District 17
Sprague	Baltic Fire House District 1
New Milford	Catherine E Lillis Building District 2
Southbury	The Jewish Center District 4
Middletown	Farm Hill School District 11
Greenwich	North Mianus School District 12
Colchester	Bacon Academy Cafeteria District 1
Mansfield	Mansfield Library/Buchanan Auditorium District 3
Seymour	Paul Chatfield School District 3
Wilton	Driscoll School District 2
Ansonia	First Congregational Church Ward 2 District 2 Precinct 2
East Haven	East Farm Village 1-S District 1
Southington	Derynoski Elementary School District 3
Cheshire	Norton School District 4
Newington	Anna Reynolds School District 3
New Britain	Graham Apartments District 5-2 District 5
East Haven	Hays School District 5
Fairfield	Dwight School District 3
Stratford	Bunnell High School 120 District 90
Hartford	Achievement 1 st Hartford Academy District 1
Milford	Harborside Middle School District 5 District 529
Thompson	Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department District 3
Waterbury	Edward D Bergin Apartments District 72
West Haven	City Hall Voting District 4 District 1
Preston	Town Hall District 1
Norwalk	Kendall School Voting District A3 District 140
Greenwich	Town Hall District 2
Madison	District 2 North
Hartford	South End Senior Wellness Center District 13
Orange	Mary L Tracy School District 1
Fairfield	Osborn School 133 District 4
Thomaston	Town Hall – Lena Morton Gallery District 1
Bloomfield	Firehouse Number 3 District 5
Kent	Town Hall District 1
Hamden	Dunbar Hill School District 7
Stafford	West Stafford Fire Department District 3
East Hartford	Langford School District 2
New Britain	New Britain Senior Center District 5
Meriden	Meriden Community Towers Area 1 District 12
Danbury	War Memorial Gym Ward 5 District 5 Precinct 10
Enfield	JFK Middle School District 1 District 2
Branford	Community House Voting District 1, Precinct 0 District 1
Groton	West Side Middle School District 2
Middletown	Woodrow Wilson Middle School District 3
Stratford	Wilcoxson School 120 District 70
New Haven	New Horizons School District 6 Precinct 2
Stamford	Julia A Stark School District 11
Norwich	Stanton School District 8

Simsbury	Henry James Memorial School District 1
Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks High School District 2
Mansfield	Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building District 1
Plainfield	4 Atwood Hose Station District 4
Lyme	Lyme fire House District 1
Southington	Reuben Thalberg Elementary School District 9
Ashford	Knowlton Town Hall District 1
Danbury	Pembroke School Gym Ward 2 District 2
Berlin	Senior Center District 4
Newington	Elizabeth Green School District 4
Torrington	Armory District 8
Wallingford	Evarts G. Stevens School District 2
Plainville	Our Lady of Mercy Parrish Hall District 2
Milford	Orange Avenue School District 1-2 District 127
Tolland	Hicks – Town Hall District 2

List of Polling Precincts in Bridgeport with extended hours on Election Day November 2, 2010:

- Beardsley School, 500 Huntington Avenue;
- Read Middle School, 130 Ezra Street;
- Central High School, 1 Lincoln Blvd.;
- John Winthrop School, 85 Eckart St.;
- Hallen School, Division St.;
- Thomas Hooker School, Roger Williams Rd.;
- Black Rock School, 545 Brewster St.;
- John F. Kennedy Campus, 700 Palisade Ave.;
- Blackham School, 425 Thorne St.;
- Park City Magnet School, 1526 Chopsey Hill Rd.;
- City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace; and
- Longfellow School, 139 Ocean Terrace.